Fishnig Harbour Projects in Maharashtra

2208. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the fishing Harbour Projects cleared by the Central Government for the State of Maharashtra; and

(b) the stage of implementation of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERAION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The fishing harbour projects sanctioned by Government of India are as follows:—

(i) Sassoon Dock fishing harbour,

(ii) Ratnagiri Fishing harbour, and

(iii) Mahim causeway fish landing centre.

(b) The progress on the sanctioned projects is as follows:—

(i) Sassoon Dock—70 per cent.

(ii) Ratnagiri—80 per cent.

(iii) Mahim Causeway —85 percent.

Large Water Prawn Hatcheries

2209. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the large water prawn hatcheries set up through the assistance of Government State-wise; and

(b) what are the reasons for not setting up such large hatcheries in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERAION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, during the Sixth Five Year Plan, two hatcheries namely Bodapo-Kharan Hatchery of 35 million prawn seed production capacity with an estimated cost of Rs. 23.1 lakh in Maharashtra and Agreepalli Hachery of 60 million prawn seed production capacity with an estimated cost of Rs. 21.00 lakh in Orissa were sanctioned.

During the Seventh Five Year Plan, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, Benaulim Hatchery of 25 million prawn seed production capacity in Goa has been sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 96.00 lakh.

Besides this, Marine Products Export Development Authority, under the Ministry of Comerce are setting up two hacheries, one in Orissa at an estimated cost of Rs. 256.49 lakhs of 25 million prawn seed production capacity and the other in Andhra Pradesh at an estimated cost fo Rs. 295.27 lahks of 40 million prawn seed production capacity.

(b) Does not arise. A prawn seed hatchery has already been completed in Maharashtra.

Indo-Soviet Agreement to Expand Steel Industry in India

2210. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation led by him recently visited USSR;

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the visit; and

(c) whether any pact has been finalised or is being negotiated for Soviet collaboration for expanding the steel industry in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE

MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c) A high level Indian Delegation led by Steel and Mines Minister visited USSR in July 1988 and discussed with Soviet leaders, inter alia, various strategies for meeting the growing demand of steel in the country, including the plans for ensuring production of Bhilai Steel Plant at its rated capacity of 4 million tonnes and expansion of Bokaro Steel Plant from 4.00 MT to 4.5 MT, apart from discussing the need for timely supply of equipment for meeting the commissioning schedule of the Visakhapatnam Steel Project. As a result of these discussions, the perceptions of future course of action regarding these matters have become clearer. At present a Techno-Economic offer from Soviet Union for modernisation of Bokaro Steel Plant is under consideration of Government of India.

Import of edible oil

2211. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the per centage of rise in the prices of edible oils in the international market since 1985-86 (till date);

(b) what is the progressive per centage of rise in the annual expenditure on the imports of edible oils as a result thereof;

(c) what is the quantity (with value) of the edible oils proposed to be imported by Government during the current year to meet the demand; and

(d) whether in view of the continuous rise in the cost of imports of edible oils, Government propose to import oilseeds instead of edible oils; if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA) : (a) and (b) The prices of edible oils imported and the annual expenditure on import of edible oils and the per centage rise thereof since the financial year 1985-86 are as under:—

Average Unit price of Edible Oils from 1985-86 to 1988-89

Financial year (April-March)	Average price of oil per MT (In Rupees)	Per centage increase over 85-86
1985-86	7121	..
1986-87	4029	(–) 43.42
1987-88	4800	(–) 32.59
1988-89 (upto June, 88)	5782	(–) 18.80

Total Value of imports for the period 1985-86 to 1988-89

Financial year (April-March)	Value in crores of Rupees	Per centage increase over 85-86
1985-86	768.78	..
1986-87	526.58	(–) 31.50
1987-88	921.70	19.89
1988-89 (upto June, 88)	238.24	Per centage increase cannot be computed before the completion of the current oil Year.